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1. Acting under orders of SMA, factory councils in state-owned and Russian factories in the Russian Zone have announced new production norms and new pay regulations as well as new penalties. Employees who fail to fill their quota are punished, first by withdrawal of their food allowance, then by warning and by cancellation of vacation rights. Continued failure to fill the quota can be punished by sentence to compulsory labor camp or to the mines.
2. If a non-SED worker stays home sick, he is visited by a delegation of SED members from his union who decide whether his illness warrants his absence from work.
3. In case the factory quota is repeatedly not filled, the manager is punished. The workers are punished by cancellation of the supplementary food allotment. If this measure fails, the whole factory is put under Russian control.
4. The factory councils are authorized to set up spies in each department to strengthen discipline and willingness. At the slightest mistake or careless remark workers are transferred to SAGs or put in industrial training schools for political reeducation and then sent to the mines.
5. Card files on employees are kept in each factory. They contain information on education, military fitness, political attitude and reliability, and party membership. Anything discrediting a worker is entered on his card, as well as any special aptitude. The cards are filed by parties and any workers needed in unpopular industries are taken from the non-SED sections.

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